Dialogue with insurgents in Maipura

5502. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any dialogue with insurgents in Manipur for a political solution; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The policy of the Government is, on the one hand, to deal firmly with those indulging in violent activities and, on the other, to encourage such elements to join the national mainstream provided they abjure violence and agree to work within the Constitution. This has been reiterated at various levels from time to time. As the insurgents of Manipur have not indicated their willingness to comeforth within the above policy framework, no dialogue has been initiated.

Misuse of Intelligence Bureau

5503. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the Indian Express report of the 2nd March, 1995 on the political misuse of the Intelligence Bureau; and

(b) what the Government have to say in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Intelligence Bureau, being an apex security organisation, serves the Government of India in the matters concerning security of the country. The Bureau does not engage itself in any political surveillance.

Cases of police lawlessness for National Human Rights Commission

5504. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make it mandatory to refer all cases of police lawlessness, to begin with such cases in Union Territories, to the National Human Rights Commission; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Functions and powers of the National human Rights Commission are defined in Chapter 3 of the Protection of Human Rights Act 1993 There is no such provision in the Act that each and every case of Police lawlessness should be referred to National Human Rights Commission.

Celebration of Fire Service Week

5505. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fire Service Week was celebrated from the 14th to 20th April, 1995 all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the officials of Fire Sergices had visted sensitive areas prone to regular fire incidents, to check the same in future;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether people have been advised through Electronic Media as well as the Press, to take preventive measures to check incidents of fire in their premises and sourroundings; and

(f) if so, the detals thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?